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SUBJECT:HOUSE DEFEATS MEASURE OPPOSING PANAMA CANAL
NEGOTIATIONS

1. BY VOTE OF 220-182, HOUSE MAY 4 BLOCKED ATTEMPT TO
INHIBIT FURTHER CANAL TREATY NEGOTIATIONS WITH PANAMA.
DURING FLOOR ACTION ON STATE DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZATION BILL,
REP. DORAN (R-CALIF.) INTRODUCED AMENDMENT IDENTICAL TO
LAST YEAR'S SNYDER AMENDMENT PROHIBITING USE OF FUNDS TO
NEGOTIATE "SURRENDER OR RELINQUISHMENT OF THE CANAL ZONE OR
THE PANAMA CANAL". REP. BUCHANAN (R-ALA.) THEN INTRODUCED
SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE (ALSO IDENTICAL TO THAT PROPOSED LAST
YEAR) SUPPORTED BY DEPARTMENT STATING THAT NEW CANAL TREATY
"MUST PROTECT THE VITAL INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES IN
THE CANAL ZONE AND IN THE OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, PROPERTY,
AND DEFENSE OF THE PANAMA CANAL". BUCHANAN SUBSTITUTE
WAS ADOPTED BY VOTE NOTED ABOVE.

2. VOTE REAFFIRMS THAT MAJORITY (IN THIS CASE 54.7) CAN
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BE ASSEMBLED IN HOUSE TO ENDORSE PRINCIPLE OF NEGOTIATIONS
LOOKING TOWARD MAJOR CHANGES IN TREATY ARRANGEMENTS GOVERN-
ING CANAL. RESULTS PARALLELLED THOSE ON SNYDER AMENDMENT
IN 1976, WHEN KEY VOTE SUPPORTING TREATY NEGOTIATIONS WAS
197-157 (55.6 PRO-NEGOTIATIONS). HOUSE MEMBERS SUPPORTING

NEGOTIATIONS WERE ABLE TO MOBILIZE FORCES SMOOTHLY THIS

YEAR TO SECURE DEFEAT OF ANTI-TREATY INITIATIVE WITH ONLY
A FEW HOURS NOTICE. NEVERTHELESS, VOTE ALSO SHOWS TREATY
REVISION STILL HAS SUBSTANTIAL OPPOSITION, WHICH COULD
COMPLICATE SECURING APPROVAL OF LEGISLATION TO IMPLEMENT
TREATY. CHRISTOPHER

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